

Action Lines

Thank you for your support

The family of Stephen Westley Settle, who died tragically March 6, wish to express our deepest appreciation to all the professionals, our friends and colleagues at RAFs Lakenheath and Feltwell. Your support and understanding have been invaluable during our most difficult times. Your kind thoughts, deeds, and messages are helping us to endure the devastating loss of a dear son and brother.

Mike, Pamela and Michael Settle
Retired Air Force

Publish courts martial every week

I have just read this week's (March 14) "Jet 48" article about the two courts martial and, for what it's worth, I believe we should publish this stuff every week. It serves several useful purposes.

For one, some people may be deterred from engaging in certain activities by the threat of being caught and punished.

Two, it keeps people aware that the Air Force, though certainly not characterized

by dishonesty and bad deeds, is not free from these kinds of people and events.

Three, it shows the Air Force is doing something about the problem and at the same time, shows the Air Force cannot solve every problem without the personal support and involvement of members and family members.

Four, greater awareness of these types of things might lead to more people working toward solutions.

And five, let's face it, these "juicy" stories entice readers, and might just increase readership of the positive stuff in the paper.

I've heard some of the arguments against publishing what some people would see as sleaze, fear-producing material, or tabloid material. I'm not saying "give us dirty laundry," but in a close-knit community with a military mission, people need to know, even if they don't like it. And it is usually possible to protect privacy and serve the common good at the same time.

Keep it up! I recommend a weekly page or half page of articles.

Maj. James Pierson
Social actions

Thank you from the Girl Scouts

The Girl Scouts would like to convey a special thanks to the people and organizations at RAFs Lakenheath, Mildenhall and Feltwell who helped make Girl Scout Week a tremendous success.

More than 250 people took part in activities including the Girl Scout reunion, reveille and retreat ceremonies, a skating party, a camp sing-a-long and more.

Stephanie Lee King
Girl Scout Week committee chairman

Conserve today to save tomorrow

By MSgt. Edward Spengler
48th Logistics Group environmental manager

"The environment and you." We hear it all the time but it sometimes falls on deaf ears. We think it's just another "tree hugger" coming at us trying to give us a bad case of environmental guilt. We hear terms like global warming, greenhouse effect, acid rain, and the ever-disappearing ozone layer. Will it ever end? In a word, Yes. It could all end if we take this "environmental jargon" too lightly.

The deteriorating condition of our environment is not just a problem for the "tree hugging" groups to solve. It's a problem for everyone living on this planet. We have a problem, and we must all take action now to insure that future generations are preserved.

For the next three weeks leading up to

From the commander

Safety

As we enter the four-day Easter holiday weekend, now is the time to focus on personal and family safety. The weather is turning beautiful and the days are getting longer. We must not be lulled into a false sense of security, but rather maintain a higher level of safety vigilance.

With the lower operations tempo we've been experiencing lately, it is important to relax and enjoy yourself this weekend. There's plenty to see and do in the local area and beyond. We're blessed with an assignment to one of the greatest places in the world. Make the most of it. But don't ever compromise the safety of yourself or your family.

Col. Doug Richardson
48th Fighter Wing commander

Tragedy

The Liberty Wing felt the tragic loss of one of our own Wednesday when an airman assigned to the 48th Communications Squadron died in a motorcycle accident near Eriswell Village. The hearts and prayers of the wing go out to his family and friends.

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On the cover

Photo by SSgt. Valerie Weaver

Children from the child development center hunt for eggs in Liberty Park. For those members of the wing "hunting" for things to do this weekend, see pages 14, 17 and 21.

Women's changing image in the military

By CMSgt. Gail Stringer
48th Supply Squadron

Each year, more and more women choose careers that were once the province of men.

Women now serve as Navy Seals and walk as sentinels at Arlington National Cemetery. Women also attend the Virginia Military Institute which was once an all-male school. The Marine Corps and Navy recently named their first female three-star generals. Even at RAFs Lakenheath, we have a fighter pilot, several squadron commanders and four chief master sergeants who are women. The achievements and numerous contributions of women have certainly transformed the military into a more ready and capable force.

Twenty years ago, at my first assignment, I was a member of the supply squadron's equipment management section at Cannon AFB, N.M. I was working the late shift during a mobility exercise. My job was to ensure custodians signed for the equipment that they had identified for deployment. That evening, the flight commander came in for a visit. He sat down in the chair next to me and asked me how I was doing. Then he wanted to know if I understood what I was doing. I thought he asked me this question because I was an airman first class and my supervisor allowed me to work on the night

shift alone. I told him that I believed my supervisor had trained me well.

The next thing he said really took me by surprise. My flight commander told me that he didn't believe women should be in the military. He simply felt that the military profession was not for women.

Now, eighteen years later, I am a chief master sergeant running the supply management and systems flight and have the additional duty as functional manager for a squadron of 311 people.

March 1997 marks the 16th anniversary of the national celebration of women's history. This year's theme "A Fine and Long Tradition of Community Leadership" highlights the many

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contributions that women have made as well as the significant impact they've made in American communities. One such community is the armed forces. Courageous women throughout all the services have paved the way time and time again. Their

leadership has led to increased roles for women in the military. Policies and laws against sexual discrimination and sexual harassment are also firmly in place.

As Brig. Gen. Mary Saunders, Air Force director of transportation, said during a recent speech given at Lakenheath, "Vigilance is the watchword."

This simply means that we must acknowledge that discrimination and prejudices are prevalent and hinder progression. There-



CMSgt. Gail Stringer at an NCO academy graduation in 1983.

fore, it is still important to take time out to recognize and celebrate great contributions of minorities in America to help bring about additional reform.

Women of today must continue to maintain that progress they've made and conquer new territory. They also have a greater responsibility in preparing the women of tomorrow. During this month, all members of the armed forces are encouraged to reflect upon the successful legacy of women in the armed forces. People should also commit to providing the opportunity for advancement of women into every fabric of the military. It's the right thing to do!

Rapid global mobility delivers worldwide power

WASHINGTON (AFNS) — When a crisis erupts without warning anywhere around the world, the United States will need to rapidly deploy forces thousands of miles from bases in the continental United States to deter a potential aggressor or defeat an adversary.

The need for this fast response led senior Air Force leaders to reemphasize rapid global mobility as one of the service's six core competencies in its new strategic vision: "Global Engagement: A Vision for the 21st Century Air Force."

The other core competencies are air and space superiority, global attack, precision engagement, information superiority and agile combat support.

"Rapid global mobility provides the nation its global reach and underpins its role as a global power," said Secretary of the Air Force Sheila E. Widnall.

"The ability to move rapidly to any spot on the globe ensures that tomorrow, just as today, the nation can respond quickly and decisively to unexpected challenges to its interests," she said. "As the number of forward-deployed forces declines and the need for immediate response to overseas events rises, the Air Force's global mobility forces will be in great demand by future joint force commanders."

When an operation must be carried out quickly, airlift and aerial refueling will be the key players, the secretary said. She added that rapid global mobility builds the air bridge for joint forces, enables multinational peace efforts or speeds tailored forces wherever they are needed.

"Rapid deployment will remain the future joint team's most important combat force multiplier," said Gen. Ronald R. Fogleman, Air Force chief of staff.

In the Global Engagement vision of the 21st century, rapid global mobility will be multifaceted. The speed with which forces are moved will increase, and airlift and air refueling capabilities must be able to deliver tailored forces operating in a smaller area.

"Rapid global mobility is driven by the nation's needs," Fogleman said. "Because we are going to have a CONUS-based contingency force, we've got to have the capability to get that force to the fight."

"That is what rapid global mobility does not only for combat operations, but for peacekeeping or humanitarian efforts."

"Airlifters and tankers give the national command authorities the ability to reach out and influence events around the world. This trend," he concluded, "will continue as far into the future as we can imagine."

Command SEA visits Lakenheath, U.K. bases

By TSgt. Chris Wuerthner
Air Force News, U.K. bureau

The USAFE senior enlisted advisor visited RAF Lakenheath March 19 as part of a "get-acquainted tour" with the people and bases in the United Kingdom.

CMSgt. Kenneth Casey, who took the position of USAFE senior enlisted advisor five months ago, brought along information on several command programs, especially quality of life. It's one of the many areas he deals with as the USAFE commander's representative to the enlisted corps. Casey explained that it's a top concern for the command.

"We're doing very well in the area of quality of life," said Casey. "We're renovating dorms to the 1-plus-1 standard, we're renovating houses at about the rate of 400 homes per year, we have new commissaries opening, we have new base exchanges opening and we have child development centers opening."

Casey said USAFE plans to reconfigure airman and enlisted dorms into the 1-plus-1 mode by the turn of the century. Both he and the USAFE commander recognize that privacy is important for airmen and the Air Force, according to the chief.

"It's a retention item, and more importantly, they deserve the privacy that we're going to give them with 1-plus-1," said the chief. "They're great folks, they're smart folks, they're doing great things for us and they deserve the privacy when they go home to relax a little bit and get away from the hectic schedule of day-to-day business."

That hectic schedule is a fact of life at many USAFE bases. The people of Laken-



Photo by SSgt. Steve Ball

CMSgt. Kenneth Casey talks with students at the 3rd Air Force Airman Leadership school during his U.K. visit.

heath are supporting missions in Bosnia, Northern Iraq, Africa and more. According to the chief, USAFE is determined that no one serves more than 120 days a year on temporary duty.

"It's important that our people get an opportunity to be at their home base to train and stay proficient," said Casey. "It is also very important that our people get an opportunity to be at home and get some quality time with their family."

Equally important is when it's time to train, that airmen and NCOs have the best professional military education facilities

possible. RAF Feltwell's airmen leadership school is about to undergo renovations that will make it one of the largest and best equipped in the Air Force. It's part of a list of improvements geared toward PME.

"We're putting money into our command NCO academy to update the classrooms with some computer technology as well as our leadership school at Kapaun (AS, Germany)," said Casey. "We're also getting ready to build a new school at Aviano (AB, Italy). People are our No. 1 concern and we need to make sure we're taking care of them on and off duty."



Mirage 2000 visit

Photo by SrA. Grace Hunt

French maintainers and aircrew prepare to launch a jet from RAF Lakenheath. Five French Mirage 2000D air-to-ground variants visited Lakenheath from March 18 through Wednesday as part of a good-will exchange. While here, the French aircrews took part in training exercises with aircrews from the 492nd Fighter Squadron.

Base airman killed in motorcycle accident

A airman died when he crashed his motorcycle at approximately 9:30 a.m. Tuesday while traveling the B1112 between Lakenheath village and Eriswell village.

No other vehicles were involved in the accident.

A1C Christopher Rice, 48th Communications Squadron, lost control of his motorcycle when he veered onto a gravel shoulder, according to 48th Fighter Wing safety officials. He was pronounced dead at the scene at 9:54 a.m.

Emergency vehicles from the Suffolk Constabulary and 48th FW responded to the accident.

Base flags will be flown at half staff through XXXX.

Wing airmen prepare for possible Zaire evacuation

More than 15 airmen from RAF Lakenheath and many from other USAFE bases are deploying to West Africa to support U.S. European Command preparations for a possible noncombatant evacuation from Zaire.

The operation may become necessary if the U.S. government determines its citizens are endangered in the wake of fighting between rebel and government forces in Zaire. According to the Associated Press, rebels now control about a quarter of the country.

USAFE people and equipment will be deploying to locations in West Africa, including Brazzaville, Congo and Libreville, Republic of Gabon. Other bases participating in the operation include Aviano AB, Italy; Spangdahlem AB and Ramstein AB, Germany; and RAF Mildenhall. These forces will provide communications, base operations, air operations,

headquarters element, medical, security and other support.

This deployment enhances the U.S. military's ability to ensure the security of U.S. citizens in Zaire if an evacuation should become necessary, according to a European Command statement. When the current deployment is complete, up to 625 members of a joint task force will be at locations ashore in central Africa.

In addition to the USAFE troops, EUCOM officials said Air Force units include tactical airlift control elements from stateside units; aircraft and crews from Air Mobility Command, Air National Guard, and Air Force Reserve; and Air Force Special Operations Command people and aircraft based in England. (Story compiled from local and USAFE News Service sources).

Students attend European symposium

By Becky Papp
"Jet 48" correspondent

Nine students from RAF Lakenheath High School took part in this year's European junior and senior high school symposium in Brussels, Belgium, March 14 - 16.

The event provides an opportunity for students from Department of Defense Dependent Schools, American and other international schools to compete in the sciences and humanities.

After the initial judging at the competition, the students with the 10 best projects had to give oral presentations while others presented their information with a poster and question-and-answer session.

Melissa Gillis, a senior, placed third overall with her project on the relative value of using arms and legs in training for swimming. Gillis gave an oral presentation with transparencies to an audience of about 120 students, teachers and judges.

"It was scary getting up there, but I knew people were backing me up," said Gillis. "Everybody put in a lot of work. It was a real team effort."

Gillis, along with the four other top finishers, now have the opportunity to attend another symposium in Durham, N.C., May 1 - 4. Students in the poster competition competed for cash awards.

Other Lakenheath students taking part in the competition were seniors Keara Keller, Amber Brock, Carina DuHadway, Christopher O'Shaughnessy, David Parker, Amanda Allen, Sheila Baber and junior, Devon Gessert.

Some students attend to observe the sym-



Photo by SSgt. Steve Ball

Melissa Gillis gathers information for the stateside symposium.

posium along with the competitors, in the hope that they will compete the following year, according to Darryl Brock, physics and advanced placement biology teacher at the high school.

"We enter the competition every year and about every other year a Lakenheath student places in the symposium to win a trip to the symposium in the states," said Brock. "Ultimately, the goal is to encourage good research."

The trip was funded by the Army, Navy and Air Force research laboratories.

Two plead guilty in courts martial

By Capt. Jennifer Dickey
Legal office

Two RAF Lakenheath NCOs pled guilty during courts-martial in March.

SSgt. Willie Scruggs, 48th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, pled guilty to three charges of indecent exposure in a one-day special court-martial March 12.

Scruggs admitted to publicly exposing himself to neighbors from the front window of his home on two occasions and exposing himself another time to a housekeeper.

In an unsworn statement during the sentencing phase of the trial, Scruggs apologized for acting with poor judgment, recognizing his "actions have brought embarrassment and discredit to my family and the Air Force."

Military judge Col. James Young sentenced Scruggs to a bad conduct discharge, reduction to E-3, and 45 days confinement, but recommended that the forfeiture of pay that becomes automatic with confinement be directed to Scruggs' family.

During a one-day special court-martial March 18, SSgt. Lafayette Cox, 493rd Fighter Squadron, pled guilty to charges of assault, drunk and disorderly conduct and unlawful entry.

The three charges stemmed from the events following a celebration of a squadron award.

Cox had begun drinking after work at the NCO club in celebration of the award. Around 9 p.m., he joined a party held by a squadron member at a Lakenheath dormitory. Cox continued to drink at the party. At several points in the evening, Cox wandered into a neighboring female dormitory, approaching various female airmen and propositioning them.

Later that evening, he also entered an unlocked room in the female dormitory while a female airman was sleeping.

During an unsworn statement, Cox said, "If I hadn't been drinking so much, I wouldn't be in the trouble that I am today." He described his decision to overindulge that night as "the dumbest mistake of my life."

Military judge Lt. Col. Robin Walmsley sentenced Cox to reduction to the grade of E-3 and confinement for 75 days.



Photo by SSgt. Steve Ball

Students at RAF Lakenheath Elementary School take advantage of some "quiet time" to work on homework.

DODDS students to be among first to take nationally standardized tests

**By Linda Kozaryn
American Forces Press Service**

WASHINGTON—Department of Defense Dependent Schools students were among the first to take nationally standardized exams as part of a campaign to make American education the best.

Education is a top priority. It holds the key to America's future in the 21st century, President Clinton said. Clinton promoted

his national education goals during a March 13 trip to North Carolina. Defense Secretary William Cohen and Education Secretary Richard Riley accompanied the president, who called for schools throughout the nation to meet national standards in reading and math.

"We have to have a nation in which every 8-year-old can read independently, every 12-year-old can log into the Internet, every 18-year-old can go to college and every adult American can keep on learning throughout an entire lifetime," Clinton told

state legislators in Raleigh. "We have to meet our national goal of connecting every classroom and library to the Internet by the year 2000."

Maryland, Michigan and North Carolina were the first three states to volunteer to give standardized exams in fourth grade reading and eight grade math. DODDS officials asked that their students be among the first to take the tests, Clinton said.

DOD's 66 stateside and 167 overseas dependent schools educate about 115,000 children each year, the president said. These schools provide a good kick-off point for the standards movement because military children come from every racial and ethnic background, and they change schools often as parents move from base to base, he said.

"Because of this mobility," the president said, "no group of students better underscore the need for common national standards and a uniform way of measuring progress. If standards can work in these schools, they can work anywhere."

Starting in 1999, students from Wiesbaden AB, Germany, to Kadena AB in Okinawa, Japan, will learn the same material and take the same national tests as students in North Carolina.

"We can make our public schools just like our military, the best on Earth, if, like our military, we are willing to adhere to high, rigorous standards for all people, regardless of their background," Clinton said.

DOD's leadership is deeply committed to providing quality education for service members and their children, said Cohen. "We look forward to participating in the president's initiative on national standards of excellence in education," he said. "This is going to help gauge the performance of our students by both national and international standards."

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Photo by SSgt. Steve Ball

Best wheels competition

SSgt. Robert Redfoot, 48th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, puts the finishing touches on a fork lift for the wing best wheels competition. A1C Michael Mosher and Redfoot prepared the vehicle which took first place in the competition. Second place went to A1C Daniel Thresher and third went to Stephen Bunning, both from the 48th Supply Squadron.

Seven MDG officers selected for promotion

Seven RAF Lakenheath officers assigned to the 48th Medical Group were notified Tuesday of their selection for promotion. They are: Capt. Thomas McCormick, 48th Medical Support Squadron; Capt. Charles Blakeslee, 48th Aerospace Medicine Squadron; Capt. Kimberly Markland, 48th MDG; Capt. Rebecca Salas-Groves, 48th Medical Operations Squadron; Capt. Helen Strack, 48th MDOS; Maj. Michael O'Connor, 48th MDSS and Maj. John West, 48th MDOS.

Wing receives new safety chief

Maj. Richard Martin has taken over as chief of safety for Lt. Col. Michael Bradley who will PCS to Fort Riley, Kan., in July. There he will become the 10th Air Support Operations Squadron commander. Martin comes to the wing staff from the 48th Operations Support Squadron.

Air Force enhances officer assignment system

RANDOLPH AFB, Texas (AFNS) - Commanders with short-notice requirements will get their job openings filled quicker as a result of a new enhancement to the officer assignment system.

Under current assignment system guidelines, the most eligible, qualified officer selected for an assignment is notified after the position is advertised for 30 days. When the advertising phase is paired up with the selection and notification process, filling the position can, at times, exceed 150 days, officials say.

"(That amount of time is) just not responsive enough to support those compelling,

short-notice requirements that occur from time-to-time," said Lt. Col. Nellie Riley, chief of the assignment procedures, programs and PCS budget branch. "When things like a tragic loss, humanitarian reassignment, or an individual is relieved for cause, the clock starts ticking right away, especially when the requirement is overseas."

Accordingly, after receiving a validated short-notice requirement from a major command, the Air Force Personnel Center is now "immediately identifying the most eligible and qualified officer, and notifying the first colonel or O-6 equivalent in their chain of command of that officer's pending assignment," said Riley. "At virtually the same time, we'll run an ad for the job for two weeks to give others in the field an opportunity to volunteer," she said.

If an eligible, qualified volunteer steps forward, the previously identified officer is released and the volunteer is processed using current "More Voice, More Choice" procedures. Riley says in addition, if there is no volunteer after two weeks, the ad closes and AFPC immediately processes the previously identified officer for the assignment.

"By doing this, officers will know as early as possible that they are potentially going on a short-notice assignment, while we're simultaneously canvassing the field for volunteers to support the requirement," Riley said.

Promotion to senior hits three-year high

RANDOLPH AFB, Texas (AFNS) — The Air Force reached a three-year high in its selection rate for promotion to senior master sergeant as the service selected 1,603 of 21,214 eligibles for promotion, a 7.56 percent selection rate. The rate marks the third straight year there has been an increase in the rate. In 1996, the Air Force had a 7.31 percent selection rate, preceded by 1995's 7.24 percent rate.

This year's rate is a dramatic increase in the promotion rate when compared to the 1994 promotion rate -- just 4.62 percent. Officials at the Air Force Personnel Center here say that as the service closed in on its drawdown goals, promotion percentages went up. And, they add, they are optimistic promotion rates to senior master sergeant will remain above the TOPCAP drawdown minimum promotion rate of 6 percent.

The average total score of selectees during the cycle was 671.44. Average selectee score breakdowns included:

- ☐ 38.35 points, time in grade;
- ☐ 19.91 points, time in service;
- ☐ 134.93 points, performance reports;
- ☐ 17.52 points for decorations;
- ☐ 69.87 points, U.S. Air Force Supervisory Examination; and
- ☐ 390.87 board score.

The average selectee has 5.43 years time in grade and 18.86 years time in service.

The complete list of senior master sergeant selections is available on the AFPC Home Page. The address is <http://www.afpc.af.mil>.

Liberty Warrior

"Can do" person of the week



Photo by SrA. Sarah Franco

A1C Melissa Powalie

48th Medical Operations Squadron

Hometown: Cleveland, Ohio

Time in service: Two years, five months

Time on station: Two years

Role in mission: I am a mental health technician. My role is improving the well-being of mental health patients by providing quality patient care while ensuring public health.

Hobbies: Writing poetry, playing basketball and swimming.

Where do you see yourself in 10 years? Healthy and happy.

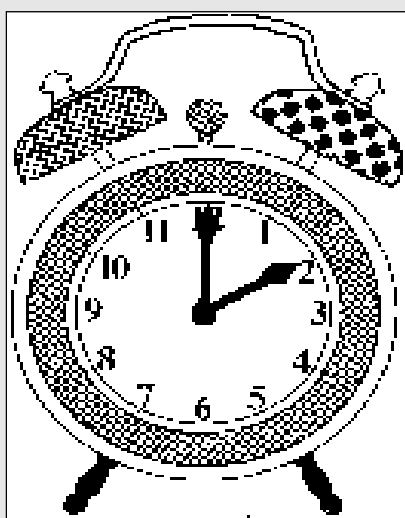
What do you like most about Britain? The opportunities to travel.

What would you do to make things better at RAF Lakenheath? I would give all dorm residents their own rooms.

Why did you join the Air Force? To serve my country and broaden my horizons.

Who is your role model and why? My parents. They are supportive and hard working. They helped me become the person I am today.

What do you like best about the Air Force? The medical benefits and Space A travel.



British Daylight Savings

Turn clocks forward one hour at 2 a.m. Sunday

Red Cross reunites sisters

Local office helps bring sisters together after 20-year separation

By SrA. Jeff Capenos
Public affairs

Imagine searching the Internet, pouring through books at the library and using investigative services to desperately find a long-lost family member.

For years, the search continues without any luck. Then one day you get a phone call from someone saying she's your sister.

This may seem an ideal topic for a celebrity talk show. But it isn't T.V.

This is the true story of a sergeant at RAF Laekneath, who after years of searching, finally broke through and made a connection with her older sister who she hasn't seen in more than 20 years.

Thanks to the American Red Cross, TSgt. Eldonna Fernandez, 48th Contracting Squadron, is currently in New Jersey getting reacquainted with her sister, Carol.

"This is something I've been looking forward to for a very long time," Fernandez said. "For 20 years, I've been alone without any blood relatives. But now, POW! I've got an instant family. It's great!"

When Fernandez was a young girl living with her family in Texas, her sister Carol, who is 13 years older, married a man and moved away from home to Pennsylvania, causing a rift in the family. From that day on, the girls never saw each other.

"It was a situation where my sister and father got into an argument, and she moved away," Fernandez said. "From there, we never saw each other again.

"You see, my mother died when I was 12. And after I joined the Air Force, when I was 20, my father passed away," she explained. "So there I was, without any family. I felt really alone. That's why I began looking for my sister."

During the past 15 years, Fernandez used every possible resource she could think of to find her. But it was Maria Fox, a co-worker in her office, who suggested trying the American Red Cross family search program. In fact, it was Fox who actually called the Red Cross, and forced Fernandez to talk to them.

"I knew how bad she was feeling," Fox said. "It was getting close to the holidays, and I could see it was bothering her. My daughter, who is a volunteer at the Red Cross office, and I were talking about it and she mentioned the family search program. So I just made Eldonna try it. The Red Cross did all the work."

After speaking with and collecting information from Fernandez, the Red Cross set to work trying to find her sister. The local Red

Cross sent a message to the American Red Cross office in Philadelphia Dec. 19. A week later in the early hours of the morning, Fernandez was woken up by a phone call.

"It was a little strange," Fernandez said. "My husband woke me up really early and said I had a phone call. I asked who it was, and with this big smile he said it was my sister."

After the first phone call, the two sisters have spoken with one another at least once a week, either through mail or over the phone.

"Getting to know Carol again has been really cool," Fernandez said. "We've exchanged photos and letters, and got caught up on each others lives and even compared notes on what our family tree looks like. We've even discovered a few interesting things, like the fact that her son shares a birthday with my youngest daughter."

Making her life-long dream to be reunited with her sister a reality, the two sisters met one another face-to-face this week at Carol's home in New Jersey.

"This whole thing has been amazing," Carol said. "I never thought we'd meet up again. I mean, I've done a little research to try find Eldonna but it never really worked out. But it's great to have a sister again."

"I'm really looking forward to doing all the things that families do," Carol said. "Sharing everyday life, sharing holidays, sharing everything. Having a sister again is going to be great."

Testing

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DODDS will serve as a model for the rest of the country, Cohen said.

"We are doing exceptionally well now, and we want to prove to the country that we certainly can meet any national or international standards. If we can do that in the military schools, we can do it anywhere in the country."

In 1995, DODDS issued rigorous academic standards as part of a comprehensive improvement plan, Cohen said.

"They have started to raise graduation requirements even further in all overseas high schools. They have established home-school partnerships to bring parents into the educational decision-making process."

DOD's fourth grade students rank eighth among 48 jurisdictions on standardized math test, Cohen said. Earlier this year, North Carolina's governor awarded Fort Bragg schools the Excellence in Education Award for early childhood education. The Depart-



Students take a break for lunch in their new cafeteria.

Photo by SSgt. Steve Ball

ment of Education gave national excellence awards to LeJeune's elementary and middle schools. LeJeune high school is the top-scoring school in North Carolina on the American high school mathematical exam.

Cohen attributed DODDS success to involved parents.

"These programs can't succeed unless we have the active engagement of parents work-

ing with their children," he said. "One of the reasons our students and school score so well is that parents also take education of their children and of themselves very seriously."

About 95 percent of all recruits hold high school diplomas compared to about 75 percent of America's youth, Cohen said. Most recruits enroll in the Montgomery GI Bill, which provides money for advanced education.

Easter activities in local area

By Linda Laws
Community relations advisor

This four-day weekend marks the beginning of our tourism season when many activities start up again, and stately homes and castles open their doors after the winter's break. So, if you are a member of the National Trust or English Heritage, polish off your membership cards and start traveling. Also, here are a few of the activities this weekend you might like to check out.

Music

Today, 54 cadets visiting from the United States Air Force Academy Catholic Choir will be in a concert at 7:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Church in Woolpit, which is east of Bury St. Edmunds off the A14.

Saturday, BBC Radio 2 presents a live broadcast of the Magic of Vienna played by the BBC Concert Orchestra at St. Andrew's Hall, Norwich. The concert starts at 7:30 p.m. and features music by Mozart, the Strauss family and others. Tickets range from £5 to £18.50. For more information, contact the Ticket Shop at The Guildhall, Gaol Hill, Norwich, NR2 1NF or call (01603) 764764.

In the countryside

Sunday and Monday, there is a Saxon Market at West Stow on the A1101 between Five Ways Roundabout and Bury St. Edmunds.

Step back in time to the Dark Ages, and meet the Saxons who might have lived here 1,500 years ago. You can even change your modern money into Saxon coins to buy authentic craft goods at the market. Craft demonstrations, refreshments and costumed Saxons are in the village. The market is open daily from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Costs are: £3.80 for adults £2.70 for children and concessions and £10 for families.

Monday, there is an Easter Monday Family Quiz in Nowton Park, Bury St. Edmunds.

The quiz takes place between 1 - 4 p.m. in this beautiful park, where thousands of daffodils will be in full bloom. Follow a pleasant trail through the park to find questions on general knowledge and wildlife. Pick up a question sheet from the ranger centre. Prizes are available for winning families. The cost is £1 per family group.

Wicken Fen National Nature Reserve, which is nine miles south of Ely, off the A1123, will appeal to the Rambler and naturalist, and indeed anyone who likes being outdoors. Open from dawn to dusk, Wicken Fen is practically the last remaining undrained fen which has general access, via boardwalks, to plant, insect and bird life. There are also nature trails to meander along.

On the water

Saturday is the 143rd Oxford and Cambridge Boat Race. The race starts at 4 p.m. on the River Thames in London. The crews race over the 4.25-mile course from the University stone, Putney to Mortlake along the River Thames, in a tradition dating back to 1829. The fastest time for the course, 16 minutes 45 seconds, was set by Oxford in 1984. Each university trains a second crew which races approximately 30 minutes before the main race. The race is known as the Isis versus Goldie Race (Isis for Oxford, Goldie for Cambridge). Best



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views of the race can be seen from Putney and Chiswick Bridges.

Other events

Today through Monday you can attend The Craft Show at Blickling Hall, Nr. Aylsham, Norfolk

The setting for this craft show is the beautiful Jacobean Blickling Hall, now managed by the National Trust but once home to Anne Boleyn. The weekend's events include crafts, daily demonstrations and children's entertainment on Sunday and Monday (Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday only). Admission to the craft fair is £2.50 for adults and children are free. Entrance to Blickling Hall and Gardens is £6.60 for adults and £3.30 for children.

Today through Monday Kentwell Hall in Long Melford sponsors a great Easter Egg Hunt Quiz. People can win a massive Easter egg, and at the same time enjoy a recreation of everyday Tudor Life at the mellow red brick Tudor manor house, Kentwell Hall. The hall is open daily 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Admission is £7.50 for adults and £5 for children.

Shopping

Today and Monday are Bank Holidays, so many high street stores will not be open. British banks and post offices will also not be open. Large out of town British supermarkets will be open, as will stores which sell household items for the do-it-yourself enthusiast.

Linda's tip

The cost of a television licence increases April 1. A colour licence will cost £91.50 (up from £89.50) and a black-and-white licence will be £30.50 (from £30). The television licence fee, as well as funding the BBC in its entirety, also funds 16 local and five national radio stations. A licence is required for anyone who receives a transmission signal within the U.K., including commercial stations and cable.



Chapel services

Catholic services

Daily Mass (Mon. - Fri.) 11:30 a.m.
 Saturday Mass 5 p.m.
 Sunday Mass 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday Mass at RAF Feltwell 11:30 a.m.
 Religious education classes-Feltwell school cafeteria (Sunday) 10:15 a.m.
 Religious educational classes-RAF Lakenheath Elementary School (Sunday) 11 a.m.

Protestant services

Liturgical service (Sunday) 8 a.m.
 Shared-faith service (Sunday) 11 a.m.
 Gospel service (Sunday) 1 p.m.
 Shared-faith service at Feltwell 10 a.m.
 Sunday school at Feltwell 9 a.m.
 Denominational - Lutheran Wisconsin Synod (First Sunday each month Feltwell) 1 p.m.
 Denominational - Assemblies of God Sunday Night Live (Sunday) 6 p.m.
 Denominational - Grace Bible fellowship (Sunday at Feltwell) 4 p.m.
 (Wednesday at Feltwell) 7 p.m.
 Sunday school at Lakenheath Elem. 9:30 a.m.

Islamic services

Islamic Circle Thursdays, 5-6 p.m.
 For details, call Maj. Laurence Brown at Ext. 2810

Jewish services

Services are held at the RAF Mildenhall chapel on the first and third Fridays of the month at 6 p.m. The officiating rabbi is Chap. (Maj.) Brett Oxman. Call DSN 238-2822 or (01638) 542822 for details.

Orthodox (Christian) services

Call Lakenheath chapel at Ext. 3711 for details.

For emergency

For emergencies during duty hours call Ext. 3711 or the base command post at Ext. 4233 after duty hours. For information on services in the community, call Ext. 3711.

School photos

A photographer takes class photos Monday at the RAF Lakenheath Elementary School base campus and Tuesday - Thursday at the main campus. Individual photos with a London background are also available. All orders must be paid when the photo is taken. For more information, call Cheryl Rider at Ext. 6024.

PACE activities

☐ People Associated for Cultural Enrichment sponsors a car wash April 5 in the high school annex parking lot across from the fitness and sports center. For more information, call Pam Simpson at Ext. 2020.

☐ PACE has a bowl-a-thon from 1 - 4 p.m. April 19 at the bowling center. For more information, call Pat Greene at Ext. 3582.

Masonic scholarships

The 13th Masonic District accepts applications for its annual scholarships. First place is \$1,200, second is \$800 and third is \$500. Application deadline is Tuesday. Applications are at the education center. Active-duty members, civilians and high-school seniors are eligible. For more information, call TSgt. Greg Gartrell at Ext. 3224.

Commissary Easter hours

The commissary is closed Sunday for Easter. The RAF Mildenhall commissary is closed today and is open from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday. It is closed Monday. For more information, call Ext. 3515.

Health care advisory meeting

The health care advisory council meets at 9 a.m. Thursday in the main hospital conference room. For more information, call Capt. Rachel Turner at Ext. 6203.

Blood drives

The blood donor center sponsors blood drives Thursday and 17. For more information or to make an appointment, call Ext. 6524.

Recycling competition

RAFs Lakenheath and Mildenhall are competing to see which base can recycle the most cans and newspapers April 22 - 23 in observance of Earth Week. People should bring cans and newspapers to the recycling

Easter services

Protestant services

☐ The Good Friday service is at 7 p.m. today at the chapel.

☐ The Easter Sunrise Service is at 6:30 a.m. Sunday in the base chapel. The service is officiated by Chaplain (Capt.) Trip Ziegler and features music by the U.S. Air Force Academy Catholic Cadet Choir. Following worship, a continental breakfast is provided in the chapel annex.

Catholic masses

☐ Good Friday masses are at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. today. The 3 p.m. mass features music by the Air Force Academy Catholic Cadet Choir at RAF Lakenheath. The 7 p.m. mass at RAF Feltwell is the Celebration of the Lord's Passion.

☐ The Holy Saturday mass, or the Easter Vigil, is at 7 p.m. Saturday. The mass also features music by the cadet choir.

☐ Easter Sunday, or the Mass of the Resurrection, is at 9:30 a.m. at Lakenheath and at 11:30 a.m. at Feltwell Sunday.

For more information about these or other services, call Ext. 3711.

Orthodox church services

☐ Great Vespers - 6 p.m. Saturday

☐ Third Sunday of Lent, Veneration of the Holy Cross - 9:30 a.m. Sunday

☐ Vespers and pre-sanctified liturgy - 7 p.m. Wednesday

Services are held at St. John De Sepulchre Church, Ber Street, Norwich. For details, call Rev. Patrick Hodson at (01362) 6993397.

centers near the self-help store or outdoor recreation. The Earth Day committee presents a trophy to the base that recycles the

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Family Support

Contact the family support center staff at Ext. 3847 for information on the following programs, or stop by Bldg. 692. All classes are held in the family support center unless otherwise noted.

Hearts Apart

The Hearts Apart support group meets from 10 a.m. - noon today and April 4 at the base chapel. The meeting provides

spouses of deployed active-duty members with a place to meet for support and information. Children can attend Little Hearts Apart. The program covers topics regarding children's feelings about separation. Activities include letter-writing, arts-and-crafts and exploring feelings. It runs until noon.

Newcomers' briefing

A newcomers' and readiness briefing is from 8 - 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at the base theater. The briefing highlights the impact personal

readiness plays in mission readiness. It also provides information in finances, job searching, using TRICARE and British health services and more.

PCS with ease

A PCS with ease seminar is from 1 - 3 p.m. Wednesday in the conference room. The class provides departing people with current information to ease moves.

Foreign-born spouses

The foreign-born spouses group meets from 10 a.m. - noon April 4 in the conference room. The group provides a forum for spouses and addresses issues

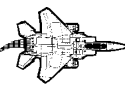
including immigration, naturalization, citizenship and more.

Teen life

A teen life group meets from 5 - 6 p.m. April 4 at the youth center. The class promotes personal development and coping skills for teens. Topics include self esteem, handling relationships, dating and family communication.

Second language

An English as a second language seminar meets from 6 - 8 p.m. Wednesdays and from 6 - 9 p.m. Thursday in the small conference room.



Lakenheath Scrapbook

Members of the RAF Lakenheath Middle School Beginning Band perform during an assembly March 13.

People with community photos who would like them published in the "Jet 48" should bring them to the public affairs office in the wing headquarters building or call Ext. 5640.



Photo by SSgt. Jim Howard

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most materials. For more information, call Rex Keegan at Ext. 3988.

Red Cross

□ The annual Red Cross volunteer recognition luncheon is at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday in the officers' club. All American Red Cross volunteers can attend.

□ The American Red Cross has vacancies in the following volunteer positions: summer youth program chairperson, hospital chairperson, elementary school chairperson, newsletter publicist, assistant chairperson of volunteers and emergency message volunteers. Training is available for all positions.

For more information, call Ext. 1855.

Professional development

A lieutenants professional development program is May 7-9 at the officers' club. The program, sponsored by the company grade officers' council, focuses on leadership concepts and is designed to bridge the gap between a lieutenant's commissioning source and Squadron Officer School. All participants must have at least one year of commissioned active-duty service. For more information, call 1st Lt. Susan Pietrykowski at Ext. 5908 or 1st Lt. Troy Gilbert at Ext. 4244.

Jason Project volunteers

The Jason Project VIII staff seeks volunteers to help in many areas including assisting students with equipment and working as guides. The project takes place April 28 -

May 9. The hours are 9 a.m. - noon and 1:30 - 10 p.m. weekdays and 12:30 - 10 p.m. Saturdays. For more information, call Ext. 7220.

Undley-to-Lakenheath road closed

The road between Undley and Lakenheath is closed Monday through April 11 for major road work. Alternative routes through the area are the C602 via Hollywell Row and the B1122 via Eriswell.

493rd FS change of command

The 493rd Fighter Squadron change-of-command ceremony is at 10 a.m. April 18 in Hangar 7. For more information, call MSgt. Roberto Moreno-Almeida at Ext. 5513.

Guest-house charges drop

RAF Menwith Hill has restructured its guest-house charges for space-available travelers from \$30 per person per night to \$30 per room per night. Rooms can't be reserved in advance. The rooms are normally released after noon to travelers. For more information, call DSN 262-7895.

Children's group

The family advocacy program is starting a group for children who have been impacted by family violence. For details, call Ext. 2409.

NCO induction ceremony

An NCO induction ceremony for all senior airmen being promoted to staff sergeant in April is at 4 p.m. Tuesday in the Liberty Club. For more information, call MSgt. Jimmey Donica at Ext. 2833.

Computer classes

The 3rd Air Force small computer staff posts courses they offer on the base bulletin

board on Microsoft Exchange. CC:Mail users will be able to access the list beginning in April. To attend a course, contact unit training monitors or computer custodians.

Health-and-wellness information

The health-and-wellness center offers a variety of health literature, references, and video and audio tapes for checkout without charge. For more information, call Ext. 2710.

Embry-Riddle

Registration for Term IV at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University is underway and classes begin Monday. The university offers a bachelors degree in Professional Aeronautics and a masters degree in Aeronautical Science. People with a 7-level in an aeronautical-related career field could earn up to 45 hours of credit towards bachelors' degrees. Weapons systems officers, F-15 pilots and maintenance officers can earn up to 12 hours towards a masters degree. For details, call Ext. 2464.

Central Texas College

Term IV schedules are available at Central Texas College and registration continues through today. Courses offered include growth and development, instructional aids, disaster planning, crime in America and more. The college is also searching for child development instructors. For details, call Ext. 3177.

City Colleges of Chicago

City Colleges of Chicago offers more than 40 video courses in general subjects including biology, history, social sciences, math and English. For more information, call Pam Reinhard at Ext. 3825

What's on at Services

Friday — March 28	Saturday — March 29	Sunday — March 30
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ "Boss and Buddy Night" begins at 6 p.m. at the Liberty Club. (Ext. 3869) ☐ This is the last day to enter Women's History quiz at the community activities center. (Ext. 2221) ☐ Play darts at the rod and gun club beginning at 6 p.m. (Ext. 2368) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ A sports-card and comic-book fair is from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the community activities center. (Ext. 2221) ☐ An Easter Egg Sweeper begins at 7:30 p.m. at Liberty Lanes. (Ext. 2108) ☐ "Young Country" plays from 8:30 p.m. - 2 a.m. at the rod and gun club. (Ext. 2368) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Information, Tickets and Tours sponsors a trip at 8 a.m. to Warwick Castle's "Easter Siege" or at 7 a.m. to Chessington World of Adventure. (Ext. 2979) ☐ An Easter egg hunt is at 3 p.m. at the Shepherd's Grove community activities center. [(01359) 250269]

Easter egg hunt

The community activities center and the youth center sponsor an Easter Egg Hunt at the community center Saturday. The family event is free and begins at 10 a.m. for children 5 and younger and at 11 a.m. for children 6 and older. Call Ext. 2221 or 3180 for more information.

European wines

The community activities center sponsors an introduction to European wines April 5. Cost is \$20 per person and includes the tasting of eight wines. Participants must be 18 or older. Sign up before Sunday by calling Ext. 2221.

Kidfest '97

The child development program sponsors Kidfest '97 April 12. All children 12 and under and their parents are invited to attend. The event is being held at the child development center and Liberty Park from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. For more information, call Ext. 3285.



Menu

Knights Table

Today
Lunch: spicy baked fish, chicken in Dijon sauce
Dinner: braised beef and noodles, sweet-and-sour chicken, pork schnitzel

Saturday
Lunch: turkey curry, jaegerschnitzel
Dinner: tamale pie, stuffed green peppers, teriyaki chicken

Sunday
Lunch: beef balls stroganoff, herbed baked chicken
Dinner: Cajun meat loaf, turkey pot pie

Monday
Lunch: beef pot roast, spinach lasagna
Dinner: Hungarian goulash, pork chow mein, Parmesan baked fish

Tuesday
Lunch: Swiss steak with mushroom sauce, corned beef, baked chicken
Dinner: sukiyaki, turkey nuggets, baked stuffed pork chops

Wednesday
Lunch: lasagna, spaghetti with meat sauce, Italian-style veal steak
Dinner: herbed baked fish, turkey risotto, beef pot pie

Thursday
Lunch: fried chicken, vegetarian stuffed cabbage, marinated beef casserole
Dinner: vegetarian yakisoba, pork adobo, red beans and sausage

Easter Sweeper

Liberty Lanes sponsors an Easter Egg Sweeper tournament beginning at 7:30 p.m. Saturday. Entry fee is \$20 per person. Prizes are awarded. Call Ext. 2108 for details or to sign up.

April Fool's Day

Electric Avenue celebrates April Fool's Day with a video rental special. All comedy movies are 50 percent off the rental prices Tuesday. For more details, call Ext. 2067.

Auto all-nighter

The auto crafts center sponsors an all-nighter from 9 a.m. April 4 until 6 p.m. April 5. For details, call Ext. 2454.

Auto crafts center closure

The auto crafts center is closed April 6 - 7 for renovations. For more information, call Ext. 2454.

Children's special

In honor of the Month of the Military Child, Electric Avenue sponsors a Children's Day promotion April 9 and 23. On these two days, there will be video rental specials for children's videos. For more information, call Ext. 2067.

Secretaries Day

The officers' club sponsors a fashion show from noon - 1:30 p.m. April 23 in honor of Secretaries Day. Admission is \$7.95 and includes the show and a three-course meal. All ranks are welcome at the show. Call Ext. 3636 to make reservations.

Sewing machine estimates

The arts-and-crafts center provides free estimates on sewing machine repairs. For more information, call Ext. 2194.

Arthurian legend series

The next Arthurian legend series lecture is April 11. The lecture from noon - 1 p.m. at the library and is about "Tristan and Isolde." Call Ext. 3713 for more information.

At the movies

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Friday

7 p.m. - "First Strike" (PG-13) Starring Jackie Chan. A supercop is contracted by the CIA and a Russian intelligence agency to retrieve a stolen nuclear warhead and eliminate a nuclear arms smuggling ring.
9:30 p.m. - "Michael" (PG) Starring John Travolta and William Hurt. An angel with a mission on Earth doesn't let that get in the way of having some fun during his short assignment in human form.

Saturday

7 p.m. - "The Evening Star" (PG-13) Starring Shirley MacLaine and Bill Paxton. The story from "Terms of Endearment" continues focusing on Aurora Greeway and her family. She has spent all her time raising three grandchildren and has forgotten she has a life of her own. All that will change when Aurora is dragged into therapy.
10 p.m. - "Metro" (R) Starring John Travolta and William Hurt. A hostage-negotiation expert is assigned to break in a rookie SWAT team sharpshooter. The two find themselves engaged in a cat-and-mouse game with a psychotic killer.

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RAF Mildenhall

Friday

7 p.m. - "The Evening Star" (PG-13)
9:30 p.m. - "Jerry Maguire" (R) Starring Tom Cruise and Cuba Gooding, Jr. A fast, funny, romantic story about success, love, friendship and loyalty. A high-energy sports agent is tossed out into the cold after he composes a mission statement suggesting that the company could give more personal attention to fewer clients.

Saturday

7 p.m. - "The Relic" (R) Starring Penelope Ann Miller and Tom Sizemore. An evolutionary biologist is plunged into a nightmare world when her friends and colleagues are slaughtered by a mysterious assailant.
9:30 p.m. - "Turbulence" (R) Starring Ray Liotta and Lauren Holly. A jumbo jet is taken by an escaped serial killer who murders all the flight crew except for one flight attendant, who he begins stalking.

Sunday

4 p.m. - "Fierce Creatures" (PG-13) A company purchases a failing London zoo and decides it will only house fierce creatures. But the zookeepers want to keep their cute and cuddly animals.

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April 4

7 p.m. - "Fierce Creatures" (PG-13)
9:30 p.m. - "Scream" (R) Starring Neve Campbell and David Arquette. Wes Craven's thriller creates turmoil in a quiet California town when a murderer makes young people his targets.



Photo by SrA. Jeff Capenos

Where eagles soar...

Mike Calahan gets propped up by his 3rd Air force teammates, Jeff Shangle #3, Mike Williams and Ryan Martin during a rugby match against the Air Force Academy Saturday. The academy won the game 26-10. The 3rd Air Force Eagle's next match is in the Bury St. Edmunds tournament Saturday.

Red 'awake from dead' to beat Blue in overtime

By Gary Webb
"Jet 48" correspondent

The Red Lancers soccer team came back from a 0 - 3 deficit to top the Blue Lancers 4 - 3 in overtime Saturday at the RAF Lakenheath High School.

John Mudge led the Blue charge, taking a 3 - 0 lead until halfway through the second half. Mudge scored first on a penalty kick when Red was flagged for a hand ball in the 18-yard box. Carlos Correa scored next on another penalty kick as Red was punished for pushing Blue striker John Hopkins out of scoring position. Mudge blasted his second score with 30 minutes left in the second half from close range. Blue played an excellent game but Red scored last.

In the final minutes of the second half, Red came back from the dead to tie the game and force overtime. Their first score came on a cross from Dan Mussleman to mid-fielder Gary Webb. Webb leaped over all-tournament fullback Kristin Bell and headed the ball in from six yards. Then Webb sent a cross into a fur ball in front of the Blue goal and Lee Watson emerged from the pack to score. Ray Arliss tied the game at 3 - 3 from close range on a feed from freshman

Josh Trock to force overtime.

In overtime, Arliss was the only player to score giving Red the win. Arliss scored when the Blue goalie bobbled the ball and Arliss put it away.

The teams were able to play on the high school field thanks to the students in the high school auto-body class who made goals for the teams to use. Before Saturday, all games were played at RAF Feltwell.

High school soccer schedule

Saturday

Alconbury at LHS Blue

April 16

LHS Red at London Central

April 19

Alconbury at LHS Red

LHS Blue at Croughton

April 26

London Central at LHS Blue

LHS Red at Croughton

April 30

LHS Red at LHS Blue

May 3

LHS Blue at Alconbury

May 7

London Central at LHS Red

May 10

LHS Red at Alconbury

May 16 - 17

U.K. championships

May 22 - 24

European championships

Jets brush by Nottingham Oak Leafs

By John Conroy
Jets coach

The U.S. Air Force Jets hockey team delighted an enthusiastic home crowd Sunday at the Peterborough Ice Rink by defeating the visiting Nottingham Oak Leafs 9 - 7 in arguably the best match of the season.

The Oak Leafs brought in a team stacked with former Premier League players and a former Great Britain national team player, eager to repeat their October victory over the Jets.

"The challenge was laid out for us, the lads rose to the opportunity and played

with discipline and teamwork in beating a talented Nottingham squad," said assistant coach Jeff Barr. "We've practiced diligently all season. I'm proud of how our team responded."

The Jets' Rob Harris led the offensive attack with five goals and two assists. Sean Green had two goals and two assists; Mike Clark had one goal; Mike Blagoue had one goal and one assist; Barr had two assists; and Mike Chinlund, Leo Hainey and John Conroy each had an assist to round out the scoring.

The Jets came out flying. Harris netting his first goal just 42 seconds into the game. The Oak Leafs equalized 21 seconds later only to have Blagoue find the

back of the net 1:20 into the match.

The Jets built a 5 - 1 lead on goals by Clark, Green and Harris, but Nottingham stormed back to make the score 5 - 4 at the end of the first period. Harris and Green combined for three goals in the second period as the Air Force skaters constructed a 8 - 5 advantage.

The Jets continued their disciplined play into the final period and were rewarded with the final 9 - 7 outcome.

The Jets face off against the Sheffield Scimitars, a team from the Northern Bracket of the English First Division Saturday at the Peterborough Ice Arena. Faceoff is at 12:30 p.m. and admission is free. For more information about the Jets, call Ext. 5666.